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SUBJECT: MBFR: WG PAPER ON DEFINED GROUND TRAINING AREAS

REF: A) USNATO 6840; B) STATE 212095

1. FRG WG REP (DZIALAS) INFORMED MISSION OFFICER JANUARY 24 THAT BONN ACCEPTED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE (REFTELS) FOR CONCLUDING PARAS 9-12 OF SUBJECT PAPER BUT STILL OPPOSED RETAINING PARA 13. BONN MAINTAINED IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT SOME OF THE PROPOSALS ON TRAINING AREAS WOULD COMPEL THE SOVIETS TO CHANGE CURRENT TRAINING PRACTICES. BONN WANTED TO DROP PARA 13 AND PREFERRED NOT TO RESORT TO FOOTNOTES OR BRACKETS.

2. AT SUGGESTION OF STAFF GROUP, FRG REP WILL SEEK BONN'S CONCURRENCE TO FOLLOWING PARA 13: "THE POSSIBILITY OF THE OTHER SIDE'S ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL CONCERNING DEFINED GROUND TRAINING AREAS COULD BE REDUCED IF THE PROPOSAL REQUIRED THE SECRET

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SOVIETS TO CHANGE NORMAL TRAINING PRACTICES. THE PROPOSALS AT PARAGRAPHS 6,7 AND 8 MIGHT HAVE THIS EFFECT. THE PROPOSAL AT PARAGRAPH 5 PROBABLY WOULD NOT."

COMMENT: MISSION FAVORS ACCEPTANCE THIS PARA AS REFLECTING US

VIEW AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE BY JANUARY 30.

3. FOLLOWING IS BONN'S RATIONALE ON PARA 13:

A)"APART FROM THE FACT THAT IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION WILL FULLY ACCEPT AND APPLY THE PLANNED STABILIZING MEASURES (PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJOR MILITARY EXERCISES, LIMITATION OF THE SCALE, NUMBER AND DURATION OF SUCH MANOEUVERS, EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS, LIMITATION OF THE SCALE OF EXERCISES IN THE DEFINED GROUND TRAINING AREAS), THE STATEMENT IN PARA. 13 WOULD REQUIRE A MORE PRECISE JUSTIFICATION. WITHOUT FULLY KNOWING THE SOVIET EXERCISE PRACTICE AND EXERCISE PLANNING, IT CANNOT BE JUDGED WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO CHANGE ITS TRAINING PATTERNS IF IT WOULD ACCEPT ONE OF THE THREE PROPOSALS IN PARAS 6-8 AND WOULD THUS NOT HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXEMPTING FROM THE PLANNED STABILIZING MEASURES ALL TRAINING AREAS HITHERTO USED BY IT. (PARA 5).

B) MOREOVER, A LIMITATION IS ALSO PLANNED FOR EXERCISES IN DEFINED GROUND TRAINING AREAS (NOT MORE THAN A TOTAL OF 50,000 MEN AT THE SAME TIME IN ALL DEFINED GROUND TRAINING AREAS OR ON THE WAY FROM OR TO THESE AREAS). THIS LIMITATION WOULD BE COUPLED WITH ALL FOUR ALTERNATIVES, THUS ALSO WITH THE PROPOSAL IN PARA 5."
END BONNS RATIONALE.
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